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SUBJECT: TURKISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA

1. SUMMARY/INTRO: ALL MAJOR TURKISH MEDIA AND MOST MINOR
PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORT ANNOUNCEMENT SECRETARY VANCE WILL
VISIT ANKARA AND ATHENS. MANY COMBINE REPORT WITH REPORTS
ON DENKTAS/KONUK VISIT TO ANKARA AND WALDHEIM VISIT TO ATHENS.
ONE EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTED SO FAR, ALTHOUGH ONE PAPER
HAS EXTENSIVE INTERPRETATION IN ITS COVERAGE. END SUMMARY/
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INTRO.

2. TURKISH RADIO-TELEVISION (TRT), BBC-TYPE ORGANIZATION
WITHOUT PRIVATE COMPETITION, REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF
SECRETARY'S PLANNED VISITS ON MAJOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING
NEWSCASTS TUES 17 JAN EVENING NEWSCASTS QUOTE SECRETARY IN
JERUSALEM AS SAYING "AIM OF TRIP IS TO ACCELERATE PROCESS

OF FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO CYPRUS QUESTION."

3. MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES MORNING WED 18 JAN ALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY STORIES GENERALLY NOTING SECRETARY COMING AT PRIMIN ECEVIT'S INVITATION. ("CUMHURIYET" (85,000 - LEFTIST, OFTEN ANTI-USL STATES AMBASSADOR SPIERS TOLD ECEVIT SECRETARY WISHED TO VISIT ANKARA.)

4. "HURRKYET" (471,000 - MASS APPEAL) STATES DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN ANKARA SAY ECEVIT WILL "GIVE VANCE INFORMATION ABOUT MOVES TURKEY IS TAKING TO BE ABLE TO SOLVE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THEN THEINGS WILL BE UP TO GREECE." "GUNAYDIN" (395,000 - SENSATIONAL) STATES ECEVIT TOLD UPI DISCUSSIONS WILSX CENTER ON "TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND EMBARGO." "TERCUMAN" (320,000 - CONSERVATIVE) NOTES ANKARA "IS BECOMING VERY BUST DIPLOMATIC TRAFFIC CENTER." "CUMHURIYET" STATES SECRETARY WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY FONMIN OKCUN, HONORED AT DINNER FRIDAY EVENING, HAVE DISCUSSIONS AND WORKING LUNCHEON SATURDAY WITH ECEVIT AND OKCUN, THE LEAVE TOWARD EVENING.

5. "MILLIYET" (253,000 - LIBERAL STATES "LOCAL AND FOREIGN OBSERVERS SAID 'ECEVIT HAS BEGUN APPLY DIFFERENT METHOD OF FOREIGN POLICY FROM PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. THIS CAN BE LABELED QUICK, DIRECT. PRIME MINISTER HAS CHOSEN TO TAKE UP PROBLEMS NOT RPT NOT AS BEING TIED TO ONE ANOTHER BUT IN PARALLEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IF POSSIBLE ON HIGH LEVEL, AND AFTER ESTABLISHING MAIN LINES OF POLITICAL SOLUTION AT THE SUMMIT WILL HAVE DETAILS DISCUSSED AMONG TECHNICIANS." "MILLIYET" ALSO STATES "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" SAY SECRETARY "WILL BE COMPELLED TO REVEAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD US-TURKISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND EMBARGO, WHICH HAVE BECOME TURNING POINT IN TURKISH-US RELATIONS. RECENT SIGNS FROM WASHINGTON PROVE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PRESENT DEFENSE AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS THIS SPRING... ECEVIT'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND BRING ABOUT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CYPRUS, REGARDLESS OF CONGRESS'S ATTITUDE, CREATED POSITIVE REACTION IN WASHINGTON POLITICAL CIRCLES. PROBABLY VANCE WILL EXPLAIN HIS GOVERNMENT'S PLANS ON DEFENSE AGREEMENT, MIGHT EVEN SAY IN WHAT WAY AMERICA COULD HELP BRING ABOUT ECEVIT-KARMANLIS SUMMIT."

6. GUNERI CIVAOGU, PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR, IN HIS DIALY COLUMN IN "TERCUMAN" WRITES ECEVIT'S INVITATION TO SECRETARY WAS "SURPRISE...PERHAPS ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WILL MERELY LISTEN (TO VANCE). IN ANY CASE VISIT IS RESULT OF 'POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE' CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN WORKING TO CREATE IN TURKEY'S FAVOR RECENTLY. IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SHOWN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS TO

NORMALIZE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THIS IS RESULT IN PART
OF PRESIDENT'S INEXPERIENCE, IN PART OF PRESSURE CREATED BY
GREEK-ORIGIN AMERICANS WHO SUPPORTED HIM IN ELECTION. TODAY
CARTER HAS BEGUN TO FEEL MORE STRONGLY WEIGHT OF HIS RESPON-
SIBILITIES. HE THEREFORE HAS DECIDED TO HELP SOLVE CYPRUS
PROBLEM, WHICH THREATENS NATO'S SOUTHEAST WING, EVEN SECURITY
IN ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN....VANCE WILL FIND A TURKEY WHICH
HAS PRETTY WELL EXHAUSTED ITS PATIENCE, ESPECIALLY ON EMBARGO...
ENTIRE QUESTION NOW IS IN WHAT MEASURE ECEVIT WILL GIVE
CONCESSIONS. IF RIGHTS OBTAINED BY BLOOD ARE SPENT PROF-
LIGATELY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT WE COULD EVALUATE THESE
EFFORTS FOR PEACE AS POSITIVE APPROACH."
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